

Appl. No. 10/034,462
Amdt. dated January 12, 2006
Reply to Office action of November 4, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office action dated November 4, 2005, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by International Pub. No. WO 02/077810 A1 to El Shobaki (hereinafter "*Shobaki*"); 2) objected to claims 3-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable; and 3) allowed claims 16-35.

Without conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejections, Applicants cancel claims 1 and 2 and amend claim 3 into independent form including all of the limitations from base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. The Examiner should now find all pending claims to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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